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EPA's assessment that the Bristol Bay fishery is world class is consistent with a similar assessment of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources justifying Mineral Closing Order (MCO) 393 issued in 1984 and still in effect that closes the anadromous portions of the Koktuli River and Upper Talarik Creek and many other streams in Bristol Bay to mineral entry.

The BBWA should include an analysis of the potential impacts from fugitive dust

- fugitive dust represents a significant risk that could carry the impacts of a large mine far beyond the immediate area of the mine footprint
- physical stress of fugitive dust
- the chemical stress of fugitive dust

The mine scenarios analyzed by the Bristol Bay Assessment show the development of large scale metallic mines in the watershed is unlikely to comply with the *Standards and Practices for Responsible Mining in the Nushagak River Watershed* adopted by the Nushagak-Mulchatna Watershed Council.